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To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Esq;*
AUTHOR *of the* SPECTATOR.

SIR,

Have a Complaint of a very extraordinary Nature, and which, I hope, you will pay some Regard to: For though you may think it trifling, the Pleasure and Satisfaction of many fair Readers are concern'd in it. You must know then I am a mighty *Lover* of *Lap-Dogs*, which I cannot think any great Folly, if not carried to a great Extravagance. Though I may not break my Heart for the Loss of a *Harlequin*, a *Mynheer*, or a *Chloe*, yet I may be vex'd to loose a little pretty Creature that is fond of me. To come to the Point: I have lost three pretty Creatures within these three Weeks; and after having advertis'd them in vain, I received Information that, in all Probability, Mr. *Medicaster*, a young Gentleman who lodges in the Neighbourhood, might know something of them. I was surpris'd at this Intelligence, but much more so when I found that this Mr. *Medicaster* was a young Student in Physick, and going to begin a Course of *Natomy*; therefore, as an Introduction to it, he was making *Natomies* of all the Dogs and Cats he could lay his Hands on. I sent to him, but you may be sure to no Purpose; he utterly deny'd he had either cut up a *Harlequin*, a *Dutch Dog*, or a King *Charles's Spaniel*; though my Maid has since pump'd it out of the Maid of the House, that he has in his Study, the Skeletons of three *Rats*, two *Cats*, and four *Dogs*;——three of which, no doubt, are the dear Remains of my *Harly*, my *Mynheer*, and my *Chlo'*.——Oh! may the cruel, cruel Wretch, who despoil'd them of their pretty Lives, meet with Plagues in his Profession great as he has given me! May he never rise above the Character of a *Quack*, and at the same time despise *Quackery*; too *ignorant* to practise among the *Learned*, and too *learned* to gain any thing among the *Ignorant*.——May——but I want Words to express my Wishes.——I have rattled him off in a private Letter; but by this publick one I desire you would espouse in my Cause the Cause of a great Part of my Sex, and lay your Prohibition on this *Professor* of *Dog-Natomy* from proceeding in this Part of Experimental Philosophy, which will oblige several Ladies in our Neighbourhood, as well as

Your constant Pupil,

PENELOPE LOVEPUPPY.

I cannot but confess the young Anatomist, if he is guilty of the Charge, has carried his curious Researches into Nature too far, as he might have try'd his Experiments on Creatures of less Esteem.——He does not know how many Tears he has occasion'd poor Mrs. *Penelope* to have shed, notwithstanding she braves it out.——I hope therefore he has gone through his *Canine Course* of Philosophy, and will restore Peace and Tranquillity to the *Ladies*, and *Ladies Lap-Dogs* of the Street he lives in.

This Letter, on so odd a Subject, puts me in Mind of another I have by me, which was wrote by a *Virtuoso* and *Anatomist* to a Friend, complaining of what Difficulties his Studies were attended with. As there is a drolling Pleasantry runs through the Whole, my Readers will be diverted with it.

Doctor *****y, *Fellow of the* R—— S——, *and* C—— *of* P——.

To Mr. PLAINLY, *in* Northamptonshire.

SIR,

YOU have heard that I am a *Virtuoso* and a *Physician*, and desire to know what a *Virtuoso* is:——Why then I am one of those who are every Night taken up with viewing, through a Thirty-foot Telescope, those vast Luminary Bodies which roll over our Heads; and when I have a Mind to recreate myself, I take my little Microscopes and make my Observations on Cheese-Mites or Wood-Lice.

I am not rich, and have but one Chamber, in which I dare not so much as make a Fire because I keep my Thermometer there, and the external Heat would make the Glass rise.——This Winter I had lik'd to have been starv'd to Death with cold; and though my Thermometer, which was at the lowest Degree, gave me Warning that my Hands would be frozen quite up, I did not mind it, but went on in my old Track, and had the Consolation of being exactly appris'd of the most insensible Alterations of the Weather.

You know from my seldom writing I am not very communicative; and of all the People I see in *London* I don't know above half a Dozen: But there is a Man at *Leyden*, *Mynheer Van Doltmans*; another at *Paris*, Monsieur *Fossil*; another at *Venice*, Signior *Nick-Nack-a-Tori*, whom I never saw, and most certainly never shall, with whom I keep an exact Monthly Correspondence on Butterflies, Cockle-shells, and other out-of-the-way Productions of Nature.

But tho' I am not personally acquainted with any Body in the Neighbourhood, I am in so bad Repute that I must soon be forced to quit it. Three Weeks ago I was rudely insulted by one of my Female Neighbours for having made a Dissection of a Dog she said belong'd to her. A Butcher's Wife that was by took her Part, and, whilst the latter loaded me with foul Language, the other flung Stones at me and Doctor *Bolus*, who was with me; who, poor Man, receiv'd a terrible Blow on the Frontal and Occipital Bone, whereby the Seat of his Reason was very much shaken.

Ever since that Time, when any Dog happens to run astray at the Street's End, it is presently concluded he is fallen into my Hands. A wealthy Tradesman's Wife having lost a Puppy, which she said she lov'd more than her Children, Husband and all, came the other Day and fell into Fits, in my Chamber, about her Four-footed Favourite; and not finding him, she got a Warrant, and had me before a Justice.—— I believe I shall never be deliver'd from the Malice of these vexatious Women, who, with their yelping Voices, are incessantly deafening my Ears with the Funeral Oration of all the *Automatons* which have died for ten Years past.

I would write more, but am going to-bed, that I may rise early at Night, to make Observations on a new *Comet* which is just discover'd in our Hemisphere.——I hear it has a very *fine Tail*,——many *hundred Miles* broad:——It is *ten thousand* times hotter than *Red-hot Iron*.——If it comes near enough to our Globe it will *absorb* it in its *Vortex*;——which is as much as to say, will put *an End* to our *World*.

I am yours,

TOBIAS GIMCRACK.

To Mr. STONECASTLE.

Kent, Feb. 27.

Mr. SPEC.

WE have heard in the Country that the Learned have discover'd a Comet, which has, Time immemorial, been esteem'd a Prognostick of Revolutions of Kingdoms, Wars and Desolation; bringing with it, in its Tail, Plague, Pestilence, and Famine;——nay, I have heard some say, the End of the World.——The Truth of this I leave to wiser Heads; but certain it is, Portents and Prodiges are not ceas'd, as you will find by the following Account, which I assure you is true in every Particular.

'There is a Prophet now *in Kent*, whose Generation was in the World before *Adam*; yet he was in 'the *Ark* with *Noah*, and with *Christ* when he was 'crucify'd: He wears a bloody Crown and a long red 'Beard, which was never cut: He goes with bare 'Feet and bare Legs Summer and Winter: He wears 'a party-colour'd Coat, neither woven, sewn, knit, 'nor made with Hands; nor is it of Silk, Woollen, 'Linnen, or Hair: He walks with neither Staff, 'Sword, Cane nor Gun; yet has such Weapons as 'never any Man useth to offend his Foes withal: 'He is exceeding valiant; yet puts up many Injuries 'unregarded either by Word or Deed: He can neither 'write nor read, yet is skill'd in all Kind of Languages, as well antient as modern: He declares to the 'World that the *Day* of the *Lord* is at hand; at his 'Voice the Doors and Windows are open'd: He *prophesies daily*, and all his Sayings are found true: He 'is admir'd for his Watchfulness; he never sleeps in 'his Bed or Chair with his Cloathes off: As to his 'Religion, 'tis thought, inclines more to *Popery* than 'Protestant; for he keeps *Lent* constantly, and drinks 'nothing but Water: He believes not the *Resurrection* 'of the *Dead*, nor is there any *Article* of the *Christian* 'Faith which he denies.

'P. S. He esteems the *English* barbarous in their 'Customs, and is in fear that next *Tuesday* he shall be 'cruelly *martyr'd*.

Now, Mr. *Spec*, Which is the most *wonderful* at this Juncture, the *Comet* or the *Prophet*? To resolve this will oblige,

Yours,

ÆNIGMATICA.

MADAM,

THE *Prophet* is not more wonderful than the *Comet*, nor the *Comet* than the *Prophet*; and the Tail of one forebodes no more Ill than the Prophecies of the other: They both, indeed, shew the wonderful Works of their Great Creator by that Course of Nature he has ordain'd them; but the *Light* in the *Heaven* is no more *Supernatural* than the *Voice* of the *Prophet* is on *Earth*.——And that such is *Natural*, all will allow, who find it only the Crowing of a *Cock*.

Yours,

Madam ÆNIGMATICA,

H. STONECASTLE.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

From the Head Quarters at Landshut, Feb. 16. Count Kevenhuller being arriv'd here this Day, he din'd with General Bernclau; while they were at Table, Advice was brought that a considerable Party of the Enemy's appear'd in the Neighbourhood; upon which

the Huſſars were ſent to reconnoitre and obſerve their Motions. About Midnight General Bernclau went himſelf with a Body of Huſſars and Pandours, ſupported by half of Kevenhuller's Regiment of Cavalry and immediately attack'd them at Break of Day at Meinbourg, where there were three Bavarian Regiments of Horſe, and about as many of the Militia as amounted to 4000 Men, which were thrown into ſuch a Confuſion by this unexpected Attack, that they only fought to eſcape by Flight, having made no Reſiſtance. In the Action the Queen's Huſſars took 300 Horſes, three Standards, and in particular a very fine one which belong'd to Count Torring's own Company of Guards, embroider'd extremely rich: They made 17 Officers and 350 Men Priſoners, and wounded as many. The reſt were quite diſbanded, and the Huſſars are ſtill in Purſuit of them. Marſhal Torring commanded that Body himſelf, and had but juſt Time to eſcape over the Danube. The Colonel Count Rudolfy Palfy, and Colonel Trenk, diſtinguiſh'd themſelves upon this Occaſion, wherein we have loſt only five Huſſars. About Eight in the Evening we receiv'd the unexpected News, that the ſtrong Caſtle of Ranſhofen had ſurrender'd, and that the 700 Men which were in Garriſon there had been made Priſoners of War. We find every where a vaſt Abundance of Proviſions, Arms, new Regimentals, Boots, Saddles, and all Sorts of warlike Stores, and, contrary to what had been reported, moſt of the Inhabitants in very good Circumſtances. This Day 600 Huſſars of Prince Eſterhaſi's new Regiment paſſed here in their Way to Moravia, where the other 600 will follow them in two Days. The Primate will, if his Health permits, mount on Horſeback at the Head of a Body of 10 or 12,000 Hungarians, to oppoſe the Pruſſians and Saxons, while another Body is near Jablunka, to make a Diverſion in Sileſia.

From the Head Quarters of the Auſtrian Army at Neuhauſs in Bohemia, Feb. 18. Upon Advice that the French and Saxon Troops were in full march towards Iglau, Orders were ſent to the Garriſon of that Place to abandon it, and repair thither forthwith; and News having been ſince brought that thoſe Troops had joined the Pruſſians, it was reſolved to withdraw the Garriſon at Budweis, in order to form the Army, and go and meet the Enemy.

Vienna, Feb. 21. Count Staremberg arriv'd Yeſterday, preceded by ſix Poſtilions, with the News of the Surrender of Munich, upon Colonel Mentzel's preſenting himſelf before it with the Huſſars: The Town capitulated without having ſaved the fineſt Arſenal, as is ſaid, in Germany. The Arms, it is thought, will be diſtributed amongſt thouſands of People in theſe Hereditary Countries, who are inceſſantly petitioning for Leave to diſtinguiſh themſelves in their ſeveral Diſtricts for the Service of the Queen of Hungary.

Vienna, Feb. 24. The 22d Inſtant the Court received here two Expreſſes, one from Count Kevenhuller, and the other from Italy. The firſt brings Advice that the Body of Troops which marched from Tyrol into Bavaria, have made themſelves Maſters of Roſenheim and ſeveral other Places, and are marching with all poſſible Diligence to join Count Kevenhuller's Army. It is ſaid the Count is to eſtabliſh his Head Quarters at Munich.

A Courier is arriv'd with Advice that the King of Pruſſia, after leaving ſeveral thouſand Men to beſiege Spielberg, has advanc'd towards Znaim on the Frontiers of the Lower Auſtria, and that the Inhabitants of the open Country are in ſuch a Conſternation, that great Numbers of them are flying towards the Danube with their beſt Effects. Upon this News the Court gave Orders for forming a Camp near Grems, and bringing back 10,000 Men from Bavaria.

Ratiſbon, March 2. This Moment Advice is come that the heavy Cannon being brought up before Straubingen, that Town demanded to capitulate. We alſo hear that Count Kevenhuller fix'd his Head Quarters at Munich the 26th of laſt Month.

Paris, March 2. The Militia are aſſembling in moſt of the Provinces of this Kingdom. Our Troops deſtin'd for Bavaria continue their March, but as the Roads are very bad, we queſtion whether they will arrive there before the Middle of April.

The King's Miniſters have drawn up a new Plan of Accommodation relative to the Affairs of the Empire. The Cabinet Courier Bannieres is gone to Vienna with this Plan, as alſo with Diſpatches exhorting the Great Duke of Tuſcany to prevail upon the Queen of Hungary to accept it.

Hanover, March 2. The 25th of laſt Month *Te Deum* was ſung in all the Churches of this City, for the Election of a new Emperor. We hear that the Neutrality Convention between this Electorate and France has been renew'd for a Year.——We ſhall make no Remarks upon this Piece of News, till we ſee what the Conſequence of it will be.

Francfort, March 4. Letters from Olmutz bring Advice that the Saxon Troops have inveſted the Town of Brinn in Moravia, and that the King of Pruſſia is arriv'd with his Army before Znaim.

From the Paris A-la-main, March 7.

Hague, Feb. 23. Tho' we long expected the Revolution that has happen'd in the Britiſh Miniſtry, yet we can't help being ſurpriz'd at it, whether we conſider the Hopes that many People entertain'd of his being able to ſtand his Ground, or whether we reflect on the great Number of Events that are likely to be the Conſequences of that Revolution. The Country Party being now the ſtrongeſt, we expect to ſee the War carried on vigorouſly againſt Spain, without any Regard to France. We ſhall ſee ſtrong Reſolutions taken to ſupport the Queen of Hungary, to form an Alliance with the States General and the King of Sardinia, into which Endeavours will be uſed to bring the King of Pruſſia, and in a Word to give a *Coup d'Eclat* in the North, which nobody expects.

It is ſaid that Sir R——— W——— deſired to lay down his Employments only thro' a Suſpicion that ſome of his ſecret Correſpondences were diſcover'd.

Admiral Haddock's Fleet actually conſiſts of thirty-four Ships of the Line, conſequently is ſuperiour to the combined Fleets of France and Spain. We ſhall now ſee whether he will make uſe of this Opportunity to do a brave Action once in four Years; 'tis very much doubted by many People.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Feb. 23. Thurſday laſt William Douglas of Cavers, Eſq; was unanimouſly elected Member of Parliament for the County of Roxburgh, in the Place of John Rutherford, Eſq; who accepted of a Place.

A Letter from the Right Hon. George Haliburton, *Eſq; Lord Provoſt of this City, to* Archibald Steuart, *Eſq; our Repreſentative in Parliament.*

SIR,

THE Virtue, Spirit and Vigilance of this preſent Parliament has already been productive of ſo many good Effects, as give an Earneſt to the Nation of what may be expected from a conſtant Perſeverance in the ſame Paths.

The reſtoring and maintaining the antient Conſtitution, and the preſerving the Freedom of Parliament, have been long the Objects of the Deſires and Wiſhes of the Nation, as the only Preſervatives againſt all undue Influence, the proper Cement of the Affections of the Subjects to his Majeſty and his Royal Family, and the certain Antidote againſt the Effects of Corruption and Miniſterial Influence.

As we now have a very near Proſpect of attaining theſe glorious Ends, we earneſtly recommend to you to promote and concur in bringing in and carrying through ſuch ſalutary Laws as ſhall be conducive thereto, of ſuch Number we reckon a Place-Bill, Penſion-Bill, and the Repeal of the Septennial Act, the moſt neceſſary.

As our Conſtitution has been broke in upon, by which the Nation has manifeſtly ſuffer'd, we deſire you, with the greateſt Zeal and Aſſiduity, to concur in making the ſtricteſt Enquiry into the Cauſe of paſt Miſmanagements, as the beſt Means to prevent the like for the future. And, as this Nation has been long oppreſſed and diſhonour'd by a Complication of Evils, we heartily recommend to you the ſtricteſt Enquiry into the Conduct of the ſeveral Perſons who, in their reſpective Employments have contributed thereto, and, by bringing them to Juſtice, thus rub off the Stain that has, for ſome Time, blacken'd, and obſcur'd our Country.

As your paſt Conduct in Parliament has given us the greateſt Satisfaction, we take this publick Opportunity to acknowledge it, and to return you our Thanks, and are confident, that as the Honour that will attend the Proſecution of the above Meaſures, ſo manifeſtly for the Good of the Nation, will be exceeding great, you will ſteadily follow them out with all the Aſſiduity and Vigilance in your Power. I am, &c.

Sign'd in Preſence and by Appointment of the Council,

GEORGE HALIBURTON, P.

LONDON.

Extract of a Letter from Canterbury, Feb. 27.

At a General Meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, &c. of this City, at the Red Lion Tavern, it was unanimouſly agreed that the following Repreſentation ſhould be forthwith deliver'd to the Hon. Mr. Watſon, and Thomas Beſt, Eſq; their Repreſentatives in Parliament.

GENTLEMEN,

WE ſhould be much wanting in Gratitude, and truly undeſerving of future Favours, ſhould we be remiſs in our Acknowledgment of thoſe already conferr'd; and therefore beg Leave to offer our moſt hearty Thanks for your late honeſt Endeavours in Parliament to retrieve the Glory of an injur'd People, and ſave us from ſinking under the inſupportable Anguiſh of a Miniſterial Oppreſſion, thereby ſo nobly diſcharging the Duty we have repoſed in you; nor muſt we omit our Congratulations on the Succeſs of your Attempts for the publick Good, nor zealouſly to implore your further Aſſiſtance to limit the Number of Placemen, repeal the Septennial Act, and bring all thoſe to Puniſhment who have any ways abuſed the publick Truſt; that a Proſtitution of Power may be no longer tolerated, but that all wholſome Laws for the Good of the Subject may be duly and ſpeedily enacted; and finally, that a Work, by ſo many worthy Patriots thus laudably begun, may terminate in the Reſtoration of our undoubted Rights, and the total Extirpation of our Oppreſſors, to the Honour of our King, the Preſervation of our Country, and the Terror of future Delinquents.

Bath, March 1.

To the Honourable General WADE *and* PHILIP BENNET, *Eſqrs.*

SIRS,

THE higher Senſe we have of the Bleſſings we ſhould enjoy, was our Conſtitution preſerv'd, the higher muſt our Fears be when we are in Danger of having that deſtroy'd, the higher our Reſentment againſt thoſe who contribute to deſtroy it.

Corruption is its principal Adverſary; and we receive continued Accounts that all her Arts have been employ'd, all her Charms of Riches, Honours and Pleaſures, have exerted their united Force to diſengage the Repreſentatives of the People from an Attention to the Cauſe of Liberty, which they were commiſſion'd to maintain and defend: Can we then be ſilent and unalarm'd? No; we muſt remind you of the Importance of the Charge we have committed to you, and recommend to you an honeſt, but zealous Enquiry into the Conduct of thoſe to whom thoſe Charges of corrupt Practices are imputed; that though no Prejudice of Party, no Affectation of Popularity ſhould expoſe them to the Indignation of Numbers, if innocent; yet ſhould no Artifice, no Prevarication in them, no falſe Tenderneſs in you, ſcreen them from Puniſhment, if guilty; that ſucceeding Statеſmen, when they conſider an oppreſſed People have demanded and received Juſtice, may be intimidated from purſuing Meaſures deſtructive of the publick Intereſt, and ſupport our Conſtitution in its original Purity.

We recollect, with Approbation, the Reſtraints laid on Electors in the Act againſt Bribery in Electors, and think it reaſonable we ſhould have ſome Security for the Virtue and Integrity of the Elected, by Proviſions for diſabling Penſioners from ſitting in your Houſe, and by limiting the Number of Placemen that ſhould ſit there.

Power may be corrupted by too long an Enjoyment of it; the Temptation to abuſe it would be conſiderably leſſen'd was the Septennial Act repealed, and the Call of Parliaments Triennial.

The Decay of Trade in general, and the Woollen Manufacture, which we are Eye-Witneſſes of in particular, are reaſonable Subjects of Complaint; we expect from you Enquiry into the Cauſes of this Decay, and an Activity in redreſſing them.

Theſe are our Sentiments, ye are our Repreſentatives, and we are your Electors.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales is recover'd of his late Indiſpoſition; and on Monday ſeveral of his Royal Highneſs's Officers were admitted to viſit him at Carlton-Houſe.

His Highneſs the Duke of Saxe-Gotha is quite recover'd of the Meaſles.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint his Grace John Duke of Argyll and Greenwich, Field Marſhal of his Majeſty's Forces, to be Colonel of his Majeſty's Royal Regiment of Horſe-Guards.

Alſo to promote Cornet Eyre, in the ſaid Regiment, to be Lieutenant; and Mr. Ramſden, Brother to Sir John Ramſden, Bart. Member of Parliament for Apulby, to be Cornet.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Lord James Cavendiſh, Member of Parliament for Derby, to be Auditor of the Revenues in Ireland, in the room of the Lord Naſſau Paulet, deceas'd.

On Saturday laſt the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty appointed Capt. Byng to be Captain of the Sutherland, now lying at Spithead, and ſtation'd for Newfoundland.

Their Lordſhips likewiſe appointed Capt. Maynard, who was Captain of the Sutherland, to be Captain of the Antelope, a 50 Gun Ship, which was launch'd on Saturday laſt at Woolwich.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Earl of Winchelſea, the Right Hon. the Earl of Granard, Lord Vere Beauclerck, Sir John Hind Cotton, Bart. John Cockburn, and William Chetwynd, Eſqrs. and George Lee, L.L.D. are appointed Lords of the Admiralty.

Edward Bacon, Eſq; of Alam, near Norwich, is elected Member of Parliament for Lynn in Norfolk, in the room of the Earl of Orford.

The Commiſſioners of the Victualling have hired four Ships of the Merchants, to freight with Victualling Stores for Jamaica, and will ſpeedily take up ſeveral more for that Purpoſe.

Orders are given for getting ready a large Quantity of Powder, Ball, and other Stores, with the greateſt Expedition.

Tueſday the Merchants receiv'd Advice from their Correſpondents at Marſeilles, that the united Fleets of France and Spain were put into Toulon; and that Admiral Haddock, with the Britiſh Fleet under his Command, was cruiſing off that Harbour.

We hear that the Troops to go abroad are to take Poſſeſſion of Oſtend, Bruges, Ghent, and Nieuport; and that the Garriſons at preſent there are to march out, and join the Auſtrian Army.

We are inform'd that the Troops appointed to go abroad, to the Aſſiſtance of the Queen of Hungary, are as follow, viz.

Brigadier-General Legonier's Horſe.
Bland's, and Hamilton's Dragoons.
Blyth's, Bragg's, Johnſon's, and Ponſonby's Foot.
Seven Regiments of the Colcheſter Camp. And,
Four Batallions of the Guards.

Which are to be commanded in Chief by his Grace the Duke of Argyll.

We alſo hear that his Grace the Duke of Marlborough will go abroad, and that Brigadier-General Legonier is to be Adjutant-General to the Army.

We hear that the French Court has repeated its Orders to the Officers by Sea and Land, to repair immediately to their reſpective Poſts, on Pain of being caſhier'd.

Some Apartments in the Tower, which have formerly been occupy'd by ſtately Gueſts, tho' for ſeveral Years paſt they have lain empty, are order'd to be fitted up for ſome Tenants of Diſtinction, who are ſhortly to take Poſſeſſion thereof.

Mr. Whiſton acquaints the Curious, that the Reaſon why the preſent Comet appears now not ſo bright as it did at firſt, is, becauſe the Light of the Moon diminiſhes the Light of the Comet, but principally the much fainter Light of the Tail; which yet will recover themſelves two Days after the Full Moon, or on the 12th at Night. Its Courſe is almoſt North, and at the rate of five Degrees a Day, which it has gone hitherto. About the 9th Inſtant it will approach within ſix Degrees of the Pole Star, and go beyond it towards Auriga, and paſs between the two bright Stars in his Shoulders, though moſt remote from the Brighteſt, which is a Star of the firſt Magnitude, and is called Capilla. Nor will the Comet ever ſet at all in our Latitude, till it has gone beyond that Star, which, at the former rate of five Degrees a-Day, will be about the 17th or 18th Inſtant. But, probably, the Comet may go conſiderably ſlower before that Time, and not reach that Place till ſome Days afterward.

Laſt Week Benjamin Bathurſt, Member of Parliament for Glouceſter, was married to Miſs Broderick, only Daughter of the Rev. Dr. Broderick, one of the Prebendaries of Weſtminſter-Abbey.

A few Days ſince was married at Lincoln's-Inn Chapel, Mr. Thomas Plaiſtowe, an eminent Attorney in Buckinghamſhire, to Miſs Welch, of High Wicomb, only Daughter of Mr. Richard Welch, deceas'd, an agreeable young Lady with 8000 l. Fortune.

On Tueſday Night died at Chelſea, Mr. Hargrave Adams, a young Gentleman of the Iſland of Barbadoes, who lately married Miſs Palmer, a young Lady of a very great Fortune, of that Town: He was Nephew to General Hargrave.

A few Days ago a Grant paſs'd the Great Seal to the Rt. Hon. Matthew Ducie Moreton Lord Ducie Baron of Moreton, and Galfridus Mann, of the Office of Purveyor of the Petty Cuſtoms in the Port of London, to take Place upon the Death of Thomas Earl of Scarborough, to hold to them and their Heirs for ever, during the natural Lives of Henry Legg and Benjamin Keene, Eſqrs.

Thurſday at the Cuſtom-houſe Sale their Teas, that were chiefly Bohea, ſold at about 5 s. 6 d. a Pound; their Brandy fetch'd 6 s. 8 d. and the Geneva 5 s. 6 d. per Gallon.

We hear from Croydon, that as ſome Workmen were pulling down a large old Houſe, which had formerly been an Inn, the Skeletons of ſeveral Human Bodies were found under the Floors of the ſaid Houſe.

From Cranbrook in Kent we hear, that after a diligent Purſuit they have apprehended eleven of the great Gang of Robbers that were diſcover'd ſome time ſince in a Cave in that Neighbourhood, and committed them to Maidſtone Gaol; that by their Confeſſions, on Examination, which is ſcarce contain'd in five large Sheets of Paper, it appears, that they had form'd a Deſign of enliſting ſuch Numbers into their Band, as to make themſelves formidable to all the Country round, which they would plunder at their Pleaſure, and live in the Woods and Caves like the Banditti of Italy, or rather in Imitation of Robin Hood and his Fellows of old, in Nottinghamſhire.

They write from Sunderland, that laſt Thurſday arriv'd a Pink from Holland, George Wilſon, Maſter. The Boats of a Tender lying in that Harbour, inſtantly attack'd her, in order to impreſs her Hands, which was ſtoutly reſiſted by the Pink's Crew, being only ſix, againſt fifteen. Some of the Tender's Crew, not ſatisfied with threatning, fired among them, and kill'd one of them. Upon which three Officers were apprehended, and committed to Durham Goal.

Laſt Week Elizabeth Collins and Edward Bunn were committed to Bridewell by Juſtice Fraſer, and William Barry, and Joſeph Tate, by Juſtice De Veil, for hawking unſtampt News-Papers.

Laſt Week Elizabeth Nicholls was tried at Hicks's-Hall for a Conſpiracy in ſwearing a Robbery againſt William Franklyn, and convicted thereof; but Sentence was poſtpon'd by the Court till another Day.

Laſt Saturday the Seſſions ended at the Old Baily, when the five following Malefactors received Sentence of Death, viz.

Alexander Affick, for ſtealing a Shew-Glaſs.

John Lowden, for picking the Pocket of Mr. William Payne of a Silver Watch.

William Plummer, for a Forgery.

Robert Lloyd, for entering the Shop of Meſſ. Simpſon and Ward, Bankers in Fleet-Street, with an Intent to ſteal a large Sum of Money thereout.

Morgan, alias Martin Nowland, for enliſting Thomas Meredith as a Soldier in the French King's Service.

The Pulteney Privateer, Capt. Purcell, took and ſent into Port-Mahon, the 4th of Feb. O. S. a Spaniſh Settee, laden with French Brandy and other Goods, to the Value of 3000 Dollars.

Extract of a Letter from Cheſter, Feb. 27.

'On Thurſday Noon we receiv'd an Account, that 'the Honourable Houſe of Commons had (*Nemine 'Contradicente*) Reſolved, that Sir Watkin Williams 'Wynn, was duly elected Knight of the Shire for 'the County of Denbigh, and had committed the 'late Denbighſhire High Sheriff to Newgate for making a falſe Return. As this City has the higheſt 'Obligations to their worthy Alderman, the above-mention'd Petitioner, ſo his Redreſs brought a general Joy to his grateful Friends, which was expreſs'd by continual Peals of all the Bells, Bonfires blazing in each publick Place, and the Penticles and Houſes finely illuminated. That Evening the Gentlemen met at the Ship Tavern, and laſt Night (for our Rejoicings do not ceaſe) at the White Talbot and Duke's Coffee-houſe, where the Toaſts were, his Majeſty, the Prince, and the Royal Family, the worthy Repreſentatives of this County and City, and all the brave and loyal Patriots in both Houſes of Parliament.

'This happy Event will greatly add to the Satisfaction of every honeſt Briton, as our Liberties are retriev'd from ſo low an Ebb, that a pack'd Sheriff, inſtigated by a vile proſtituted Tool of the Grand Corrupter, could impiouſly dare to make a Return againſt ſo great a Majority.

Extract of a Letter from Mancheſter, Feb. 27.

'Yeſterday, upon the Receival of the agreeable 'News of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn's juſt Victory 'over *Perjury*, *Forgery*, *Bribery*, *Corruption*, &c. the 'moſt enormous *Practices* that Malice could invent, 'or Villainy perpetrate, and of the *High Sheriff's* 'Commitment to *Newgate*, for the ſervile and wicked Proſtitution of his Office to the *worſt* of Purpoſes, viz. the *betraying his Country*, the Bells were 'immediately ſet to ring, and continued inceſſantly 'till Twelve o'Clock at Night. The Evening was 'concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and other 'publick Demonſtrations of Joy, thro' the whole 'Town. The Gentlemen were aſſembled at the Bull-'head, Coffee-houſes, &c. where many *loyal* Healths 'were drank, particularly *Sir Watkin* and all his *worthy* 'Brother Patriots and *Fellow Labourers*, who have ſo 'bravely diſtinguiſh'd themſelves by their honeſt Zeal 'and unwearied Vigilance in their late GLORIOUS 'STRUGGLE in the Cauſe of LIBERTY.

Extract of a Letter from Worceſter, March 1.

'This Day the Right Hon. Samuel Sandys, Eſq; 'was met, ſeveral Miles out of Town, by many Thouſands of Country Gentlemen, Clergy, Citizens, &c. 'and made a Grand Entry amidſt the Acclamations of 'his Electors. We have this Evening Bonfires, Illuminations, and all poſſible Demonſtrations of Joy. 'Every one endeavours to ſhew his Reſpect and Eſteem 'for ſo worthy a Repreſentative, in whom we are 'confident we ſhall always find the Patriot united with 'the Stateſman.

BANKRUPTS.

Lucy Strudwick, of Watford in the County of Hertford, Draper.

John Caſwall, of London, Banker.

Joan Gatrel, otherwiſe Gartell, of Ringwood in the County of Southampton, Mercer and Chapwoman.

Roger Horne, late of Redbridge in the County of Southampton, Miller and Mealman.

Diſeaſes and Caſualties this Week.

Diſeaſes. Aged 58 Conſumption 105 Convulſion 176 Dropſy 35 Fever 138 Small-Pox 21 Teeth 40

Caſualties. Burnt 1 Drown'd 1 Exceſſive Drinking 3 Found dead 4 Found murder'd 1 Overlaid 2

Chriſten'd Males 140 Females 136 In all 276
Buried Males 344 Females 342 In all 686
Increas'd in the Burials this Week 47

Thurſday South Sea Stock was 103 1 8th. South Sea Annuities 112 to 1 8th. New South Sea Annuities 110 1 8th. to 1 qr. Bank 136 1 half to 3 qrs. Bank Circulation 3 l. 5 s. India 157 1 8th. to 157 to 157 1 qr. Three per Cent. Annuities 99 1 half. Million Bank 113. Royal Exchange Aſſurance 86. London ditto 11. India Bonds 3 l. 14 s. to 15 s. Salt Tallies 99 7 8ths. Seven per Cent. Emperor's Loan no Price. Five per Cent. ditto 64. Three 1 half per Cent. Exchequer Orders no Price. Three per Cent. ditto 5 1 half per Cent. Diſcount.

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